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## House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, April 18, 2005, at 2 p.m.

## Senate

FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 2005

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable JOHNNY ISAKSON, a Senator from the State of Georgia.

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

O God, our sure refuge, teach us how to live this day. Give us a relaxed attitude that lengthens life. Make us like trees that bear lifegiving fruit. Keep us calm when we feel indignation. Grant that our work will bring freedom and not captivity. Look with favor upon the Members of the Senate and bless them according to their needs. Move their minds to discover Your purposes.

Keep alive in each of us the grace of Your spirit, lest we lose the awareness of Your presence in our lives.

We pray this in the name of the Master Teacher. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable JOHNNY ISAKSON led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, April 15, 2005.

### To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JOHNNY ISAKSON, a Senator from the State of Georgia, to perform the duties of the Chair.

TED STEVENS,  
President pro tempore.

Mr. ISAKSON thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, today we will again consider the emergency supplemental appropriations bill. Although no rollcall votes will occur during today's session, we expect amendments will be considered over the course of the day.

In a minute, I will call up a couple of amendments on behalf of other Senators so that we can continue to make headway on the bill. Senators should be aware that we expect the Senate to return on Monday to the bill, and I hope we will have several votes Monday evening to advance this bill. The bill has been pending for a week, and it is time for us to work towards completing action on this very important bill that addresses funding for our troops overseas.

I had appealed to the body to defer and postpone most of the immigration amendments—again, this is a broad category of amendments—but I have not been successful in convincing colleagues on both sides of the aisle to postpone those to a time when we can in a comprehensive way address immigration, a hugely important issue to America, to our people, and something we all hear about as we go back to our States and talk with our constituents. It is an issue we absolutely must address. Now is not the time because this is an emergency bill, a supplemental bill, and there is a time to do it later.

In spite of that, there are several amendments that have been brought forward that are pending which we will address; and in a few moments, I will be laying out how we might do that.

Before doing that, Mr. President, I wish to comment on a separate issue that has to do with Sudan and what is going on in that part of the world now.

### SUDAN AID WORKER

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, as my colleagues know, I have a special interest in Sudan. I have spent much time there on an annual basis for the last several years participating in various types of work—mission work, some medical work, as well as a Senator.

Three weeks ago, a USAID team member working in the Darfur region of Sudan was shot and wounded. By now, most Americans know the Darfur region is a huge region, about the size of France, in the western part of Sudan, a vast country in and of itself.

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